

ANNUAL CORN

Show Take An Interest In It For It Will Benefit You.

Realizing that as fine corn as can be grown on earth, is grown in the vicinity of Monroe City, Mo., the Monroe City DEMOCRAT some ten years ago established a little corn show for the benefit of agricultural subscribers.

The farmers have slowly taken an increasing interest in it until last year for the small premium of 1 year's subscription of DEMOCRAT to the first white and the same to first yellow corn, the entries had grown to quite a respectable number.

This year James B. Gray, Joe Wilson, Allie Wilson, Byron McFarland and several other farmers have taken an interest in it and promised to back the little Annual Show with their aid and influence.

To that end, Tuesday, Mr. Gray and a representative of the DEMOCRAT invited some of the business men to co-operate with them in a small financial way and this is the result:

There will be four cash prizes given, \$5 for the best 10 ears of white corn and \$2.50 for next best and one year's subscription of the Monroe City DEMOCRAT for third. And the same three prizes for same grade of yellow corn.

Quality, form and size of corn will be taken into consideration when corn is judged.

Now Mr. Farmer, we ask you to awaken and assist us in freely advertising you and Grand Old Missouri. It is for you not for us, for we are all out and nothing in.

In the past the corn has been given to those wanting it, who would agree to use it for seed. This year, the farmers who have taken an interest in the show say: No don't give it away, reserve it and we will buy it for seed (that is why 10 ears is asked for instead of 5 as in the past) and whatever it brings can be placed in bank for prize money next year.

So, now that you are in your corn do not be afraid that John Smith or Will Brown will have better corn than you, but pluck up nerve and energy and select 10 ears, that are alike in form, quality and as near length as possible and bring them in any time between October 18, 1907 and October 26, 1907 if possible.

Entries must close October 30, 1907.

The Climate of Missouri

Although the climate of Missouri is susceptible to sudden changes it is doubtful if there be a more healthy climate in the United States. The fact that the four seasons are clearly defined prepares one to anticipate the coming one and gives him ample opportunity to prepare for it. A lady, whose home is in Lower California and who is now visiting in Hannibal says that she much prefers the climate of Missouri to that of Lower California. Said she to a Journal representative yesterday: "Although the temperature rarely changes ten degrees during the entire year in our country and the flowers bloom the year around, the climate becomes monotonous and the flowers are orderless. You may pluck a large rose at any season of the year which is beautiful, to look upon, pleasant to

the eye, yet it gives forth no odor. We also have beautiful strawberries every month in the year, but it is only during certain months that we have them, at other times they disagree with us—they poison us. So it is with most of the vegetables, they are only good in their season. Then how monotonous it becomes to have every day alike, no colder in winter than in summer, and no hotter in summer than in winter. We have no occasion to change the weight of our clothing, but wear the same weight and almost the same colors at all seasons of the year. Why when I arrived in Hannibal a few days ago and found the air crisp and chill it seemed to make my blood course more freely and I felt like a rejuvenated person. I think Missouri has the finest climate of any country on the globe and I cannot understand why any one wants to leave Grand Old Missouri."

This lady reasons correctly; there is no better climate to be found anywhere. Missouri has an even temperature, not subject to extreme heat or extreme cold, but just enough changes in the four seasons to make them well defined and to make each enjoyable. To show that Missouri has moderate temperature it is not necessary to state Arthur Jones of 108 Shenker street, this city, now has an apple tree on his place in full bloom and if old Jack Frost will not be too hasty in making his presence felt Mr. Jones may harvest another crop of apples this fall.—Hannibal Journal.

Remarkable Bill of Rights for Wives.

Here is a remarkable bill of rights drawn up by the Rev. William A. Qualey of St. James' Methodist church, who is a candidate for bishop.

He declared himself before the Ministers' Wives' association of the Rock River conference in session at St. James' church.

1. It is as much the privilege of the minister's wife to be her own beautiful self and to think of herself as it is the privilege of any other woman.

2. She should have the privilege of staying away from weekly prayer meeting for cause or for going to another church than her husband's and hearing other preachers speak.

3. She has the right to a sense of humor.

4. Some of her sister church members she should treat as jokes because they are jokes.

5. Above all things it is the duty of the preacher's wife to hold the blue skies over the minister and his congregation.

6. But preachers' wives are apt to forget that their husbands and not themselves are hired to do the heavy work of the church.

7. They should not make the pastoral calls nor run all the societies of the church.

8. Their husbands are employed to do a man's work and should not seek to divide it by two.

The Rev. Mr. Qualey's speech was received with great approbation by the women.—Chicago American.

You get an easy shave at Strean & Fishers.

Mesdames W. S. Foster and J. C. McAttee, of the City of Flowers arrived Saturday to visit their sister, Mrs. Oscar Cochlin.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.



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Our Watchwords: Organize, Educate, Agitate.

OUR PRINCIPLES.

Total abstinence, Prohibition of the liquor traffic, One standard of morals for men and women. The education of public sentiment for right.

BY A WHITE RIBBONER.

To realize the standing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has gained in the few years of its life one needs to compare conditions as they exist now with existing conditions ten or twelve years ago—a short time in which to accomplish any great results, and yet great results have been accomplished in those brief years. The little heaven has worked so quietly and, like the unseen forces of nature, so effectively. In many years of itinerancy as a state president, I used to meet with strong opposition from many of the ministers—not all of them, nor any large per cent of them, but from some of them. They feared that women would lose interest in church work; they feared entanglement with a radical party. I do not find

those fears possessing the clergy now. That fog has been laid and our organization stands on its own solid well-earned merits. I find ministers asking for a W. C. T. U. because of the help it has given in their own church work. Recently at a meeting held at a local no-license camp, I spoke, at the close of the meeting a few words especially to the women present and announced a subsequent meeting for organization. Immediately the Lutheran minister spoke and urged the women to attend the meeting, saying, "I hope every member of my church will join the W. C. T. U." It is unnecessary to say what words were uttered for the organization.—Letter from a W. C. T. U. Organizer.

BY A NOTED CLERGYMAN

I have sometimes thought the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to be the most powerful active agency which exists in this country to keep vital the temperance sentiment and to oppose the audacious and fallacious intrigues of the liquor traffic and its political and social aids and abettors. This militant host of godly women is as terrible as any army with banners. Their organization is a meeting place—it is a workshop of purity and righteousness. We shall never know until the secrets of history are revealed what has been accomplished by these heroic women, who, not unmindful of their own churches, but ever mindful of the common interest of the Church of God, wage a warfare that is sleepless. They have purified our army from the canteen, and if their hands are upheld they may prevail upon this nation to give us an army and a navy as temperate and self-controlled as that of imperial Japan, which has revealed such intrepid valor and astonished the world by its immunity from disease and its

strength. This would not be our land without the leadership of these women of our churches, bringing bear upon society and government the high ideals of the Pure and perfect One, creating a nation tempered as a Damascus blade; a nation keen, clear-brained, restrained—fit for the leadership of the world.—Extract from address by Rev. William I. Havens, D. D., delivered at the Inter-Church Conference.

Reception.

The Seniors and Juniors gave a reception at the High School Friday evening in honor of Miss Gertrude Coleman, of Sedalia, daughter of Prof. Coleman, Supt. of the Monroe City Schools.

Mr and Mrs. Horace Keen were called to Los Angeles, Cal. Friday night by the same intelligence. Jim is very ill come. James is the last and only child and it was hoped that a change of climate might benefit his health.

Bert Bull was called to the bedside of his father, Dr. Bull at Kihoka, last Wednesday. Dr. Bull had been in bad health for several months.

Mesdames James Marshall and D. Hugh Stevens went to Hannibal, Friday to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. J. M. Boulware.

M. N. Bricker, J. Gent Fuqua and Col. W. T. Youell were business visitors in Palmyra, Friday.

Walter Clare Jones, of St. Louis has been spending several days with his uncle, Capt. Joseph Boorman.

Miss Marie Sweeney went to Palmyra, Saturday to visit her friend, Miss Maude Bramblette.



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